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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 4587

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: 90MM AND 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES FOR ECUADOR

REF: CORR/ALLITTO TELCON 7/8/77

1. ACTING ON CONVERSATION WITH ECUADOREAN DESK OFFICER BY TELEPHONE ON JULY 8, CHARGE CALLED DURAN, SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ECUADOREAN ARMY, ON MORNING OF JULY 11. CHARGE TOLD DURAN THAT AMBASSADOR HAD TAKEN TIME FROM PREPARATION OF SON'S WEDDING TO TALK WITH OFFICIALS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REGARDING GOE'S REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT, AND HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN SOME DECISIONS FAVORABLE TO ECUADOR.

2. CHARGE TOLD DURAN THAT GENERAL RACHMELER, COORDINATOR FOR ARMY SECURITY ASSISTANCE, WHO VISITED ECUADOR IN FEBRUARY 5-9, 1977, HAD INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT, PROVIDING GOE SIGNED LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE, (LOA), 90MM RECOILLESS RIFLES REQUESTED BY GOE THROUGH FMS COULD PROBABLY BE PROVIDED WITHIN 9-12 MONTHS INSTEAD OF 30-42 MONTHS AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED. ALSO, THAT THE 26 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES WOULD
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ARRIVE WITHIN 4 MONTHS AS THE GOE HAD BEEN INFORMED, AND, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE 106S WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED WITH AMMUNITION. GENERAL DURAN POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE ECUADOREAN ARMY RECEIVE AN ADEQUATE AMMOUNT OF AMMUNITION TO BOTH DEFEND ITSELF IN CASE OF ATTACK AND TO CONDUCT TRAINING. HE SAID THAT THE TRAINING AMMUNITION THAT HAD ACCOMPANIED THE IMPACT SHIP-

MENT WAS ALREADY EXHAUSTED.

3. GENERAL DURAN WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE NEWS OF
ADVANCED DELIVERY TIMES OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.
HE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT GENERAL RICHELIEU LEVOYER,
ECUADOREAN DEFENSE ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, BE CALLED IMMED-
IATELY AND BE INSTRUCTED TO SIGN THE LETTER OF OFFER AND
ACCEPTANCE ON THE 90MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. CHARGE STRESSED THAT SHORTENED LEAD-TIMES ON DELIVERY OF
90MM AND 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES HAD BEEN MADE BY USG OUT
OF RECOGNITION OF GOE'S SECURITY CONCERNS AND USG DESIRE TO
STRENGTHEN THE GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES.
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